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- Tracking Number: EPA-R6-2015-010126
- Requester Name: Charles C. Michaels
- Date Submitted: 08/21/2015
- Request Status: Submitted
- Description: 1) Any and all documents related to the former abandoned uranium mines referred to by EPA as the "Haystack Mines Site," located in and around the Baca/Prewitt area in McKinley County, New Mexico, on or near the following parcels: Section 19, Township 13N, Range 10W; Section 18, Township 13N, Range 10W; Section 13, Township 13N, Range 11W; Section 24, Township 13N, Range 11W.  
2) Any and all documents related to uranium mining and mining-associated activity; uranium mining reconnaissance, development, production records; surface and mineral property ownership; remediation or reclamation efforts; and any other documents related to uranium mining operations, for the area in or near the Haystack Mines Site, including at mines identified as Section 24, Glen & Edith, Section 13, Bibo Trespass, Section 18, Haystack No. 1, Haystack No. 2, Bluewater Uranium Mining Sites, Brown-Vandever, Nanabah-Vandever, Brown-Vandever-Nanabah, and Brown-Nanabah.  
3) Any and all documents related to remediation or reclamation efforts conducted in or around the Haystack Mines Site, including but not limited to efforts between 1990 and 1994.  
4) Any and all documents related to Haystack Mountain Development Company.

**VIA FOIA ONLINE**

August 21, 2015

FOIA Officer OPA-3  
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

**Re: Request for Documents pursuant to Freedom of Information Act**

Dear EPA Region VI FOIA Officer:

This is a request on behalf of the law firm Barg Coffin Lewis & Trapp, LLP under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552 and 43 C.F.R. § 2.1, *et seq.*, for certain documents maintained by Region VI of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). Pursuant to this request, we would like the documents described below to be produced for inspection and/or copying:

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTIONS

- Any and all documents related to the former abandoned uranium mines referred to by EPA as the "Haystack Mines Site," located in and around the Baca/Prewitt area in McKinley County, New Mexico, on or near the following parcels: Section 19, Township 13N, Range 10W; Section 18, Township 13N, Range 10W; Section 13, Township 13N, Range 11W; Section 24, Township 13N, Range 11W.
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- Any and all documents related to Haystack Mountain Development Company.

If any part of this request is denied, please justify the response by reference to specific exemptions of FOIA. If you determine that some portions of the requested records are exempt from disclosure, please provide us with the non-exempt portions that can be disclosed. Additionally, please provide a *Vaughn* index for any document withheld from production. *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973).

We agree to pay all costs properly assessed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iv) and 29 C.F.R. § 70.40. In order to help determine the assessment of fees, you should know that this firm is a private entity seeking information for use in the normal course of business. Please contact me at (415) 228-5400 for authorization if these fees will exceed \$250 or if you have other questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

David M. Metres

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